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The deaths registered last week in 23 great towns in England and Wales corresponded to an annual rate of 20.8 per 1,000 of their aggregate population, which is estimated at 10,992,324 persons in the middle of this year.

In London 2,382 births and 1,764 deaths were last week registered. Allowing for increase of population, the births were 254, and the deaths 62, below the average numbers in the corresponding weeks of the last 10 years.

The annual death-rate per 1,000 from all causes, which had been 18.0 in 1881, and 19.9 in the preceding 3 weeks, further rose last week to 20.8.

During the 4 weeks ending on Feb. 6 the death-rate averaged 19.2 per 1,000, being 9.4 per 1,000 below the mean rate in the corresponding periods of the 10 years 1887-96.

The deaths attributed directly to influenza numbered 11, having been 16, 7, and 7 in the preceding 3 weeks. Different forms of violence caused 67 deaths, concerning all but 4 of which inquests were held.

In Greater London, 3,329 births and 2,263 deaths were registered, corresponding to annual rates of 23.3 and 18.8 per 1,000 of the estimated population.

The Spanish Government has decided to send 10,000 troops to the Philippines.

The Emperor of Austria will leave Vienna for Cap Martin on the 20th inst., for a 4 weeks' stay.

Eleonora Duse, the famous Italian actress, has arrived in Vienna to undergo a serious operation.

It is estimated that there are in Japan 700,000 tons of coal, equal in commercial value to Australian coal.

According to opticians, the eyesight has been seriously affected in some parts of London by the fumes arising from the wood pavement.

Golden shoes were worn by a Shetland pony belonging to the Shah of Persia. This expensive shod animal is only 12½ high.

Herr Gustav Elm, the Czech politician, writer, and party leader, died rather suddenly in Florence while making a tour for the benefit of his health.

Among the uneducated whites in Aden there is a popular superstition that if a coloured person kisses a baby twice on the mouth the teething period will be easy to the child.

The Earl of Crew will preside at the annual festival dinner of the New-venturers' Benevolent and Provident Institution, to be held on April 23 at the Holborn Restaurant.

The Queen has granted to Bear-admiral H. H. Rawson authority to accept and wear the insignia of the Order of the Brilliant Star of Ananbar of the First Class.

The Emperor of China's English speech sounds rapidly, much to the disgust of the conservative Court officials opposed to Western ideas. His Majesty is also learning French.

Two large white swans, in close company, were observed flying over Highgate Woods at an altitude of about 300 ft. They flew in a north-westerly direction, and probably took flight from a London park.

The Clyde and Belfast shipbuilders have offered carpenters, joiners, and shipwrights an advance of 4d. per hour from April 1. A ballot of the men is now being taken. The men had demanded an advance of 1s.

For 10 years J. B. Gurnford, of Los Gatos, has avoided all kinds of cooked food. He subsists almost entirely on raw wheat, with a little fruit, such as oranges and apples. Eight or 10 ounces of wheat serves him for a day's food.

Dr. Koch, the German savant, is industriously employed in searching for the rinderpest microbe in his laboratory at Kimberley, the capital of the Diamond Fields. He has already furnished interesting preliminary reports to the Cape Government.

In Iceland, that country of gentle and old-fashioned customs, it has always been the fashion to present the young man his first tooth, a silver lamb, to be its very own, cared for and treasured as no other pet could be, and never to be parted with.

It is estimated that 23 acres of land are necessary to sustain one man on flesh meat. The same space of land, if devoted to wheat culture, would feed 42 people, if to oats, 86, potatoes, Indian corn, and rice, 176; and if to the plantain or bread-tree, over 6,000 people.

Queen Victoria, since the beginning of her reign, has only signed one death warrant, which was for an execution in the Isle of Man, the Act passed for relieving Her Majesty of signing death warrants having by an oversight not included that part of Her Majesty's dominions.

No Court balls will be given at St. Petersburg this winter, owing to the Czarina's present state of health, which, though giving no ground for anxiety, requires rest and a prolongation of her stay at Tsarskoe Selo, where the climate is much healthier than that of St. Petersburg.

The Education Department have issued a circular to training colleges, in which they announce that since the issue of their circular 377, it has been decided to adopt certain modifications of the plan therein sketched with regard to class lists of certificate examination.

In view of the forthcoming opening of the Blackwall Tunnel, by the Prince and Princess of Wales, the Lamhouse Vestry has appointed a special committee to make necessary arrangements for welcoming their Royal Highnesses as they pass through the parish.

The Court will return to Windsor Castle next Monday a day earlier than originally decided. Her Majesty will leave Windsor for Buckingham Palace on the 23rd inst., for the purpose of attending the first drawing-room on the 24th. The Queen will remain 2 nights in London, and then return to Windsor.

In the streets leading to the quays at Alexandria, Egypt, almost every other shop is a drinking bar, where the most poisonous and maddening compounds—a glass or two of which will often produce insensibility—are retailed. Unfortunately these places are largely patronised by English sailors.

The bluejay is a practical joker. It is his habit to conceal himself in the mass of leaves near the spot where small birds are accustomed to gather, and when they are enjoying themselves in their own fashion, will suddenly frighten them almost to death by screaming out like a hawk. Of course they scatter in every direction, and when they do so the mischievous

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Prince de Camargo, who had been condemned by default in a case of alleged swindling, was formally acquitted, after an eloquent speech by his counsel, Maître Waldeck Rousseau, former Minister of the Interior.

At Liverpool, Capt. Anderson, of the steamer "Potomac," died 410 of the effects of suffering 7 naked oil lamps to be used on board his vessel while laden with petroleum in the Hercules brand Dock.

Galveston advises to New York state that a well-known cotton broker, who was connected with a prominent firm in England, committed suicide there on the 6th inst. No particulars are to hand.

The Kingston Fire Brigade Committee has resolved to accede to the application of the firemen, and pay them 1s. per hour while attending fires. During the past year the brigade has attended 23 calls, but only 11 cases were serious fires.

Among trees, the elm reaches an age of 335 years; the ivy, 450; the chestnut, 600; the cedar, 800; the oak, 1,500; the yew, 2,800; while Humboldt computed the age of a baobab tree, a species of baobab, to be 5,700 years.

A young West Australian cyclist has just ridden from Coolgardie to Port Augusta, South Australia, in 28 days. His average distance was 50 miles a day—a very good record, considering that a part of the way was over very sandy country.

A German biologist says that the two eyes of a face are never alike; in two cases out of five the eyes are out of line; one eye is stronger than the other in seven persons out of ten; and the right ear is generally higher than the left.

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